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SUBJ: CCD: 741 PLENARY MEETING, MARCH 31, 1977

1. SUMMARY: 741ST PLENARY WAS HELD MARCH 31. NETHERLANDS MADE EXTENSIVE, GENERAL DISARMAMENT STATEMENT ADDRESSING SUBJECTS OF SSOD, NON-PROLIFERATION, NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE, CTB, AND CW. ITALY MADE STATEMENT ON CW. BULGARIA AND MONGOLIA MADE SOVIET LINE STATEMENTS ON MDW. UK MADE BRIEF STATEMENT RESPONDING TO COMMENTS ON UK DRAFT CONVENTION ON CW. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE 741ST PLENARY SESSION OF THE CCD CONVENED MORNING, MARCH 31 WITH YUGOSLAV REP (LALOVIC) IN CHAIR. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DER KLAUW) INTRODUCED NETHERLANDS STATE-SECRETARY FOR DISARMAMENT AND UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS, DR. P.H. KOOIJMANS, WHO ADDRESSED COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECTS OF UN SPECIAL SESSION (SSOD), NON-PROLIFERATION, NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE,

COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW),  
WITH PRIMARY ATTENTION FOCUSED ON NUCLEAR ISSUES. (DETAILS  
ON NUCLEAR ISSUES COVERED IN NETHERLANDS STATEMENT PROVIDED  
SEPTEL.)

3. ITALIAN REP (DI BERNARDO) MADE STATEMENT ON CW, CALLING  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP DURING THE SUMMER  
SESSION. HE SAID, "I BELIEVE WE HAVE SUFFICIENT COMMON  
GROUND AND A PROPER BASIS TO ESTABLISH IN THE SUMMER SESSION  
AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING  
A DRAFT TREATY ... MY DELEGATION SINCERELY HOPES THAT  
CONSENSUS ON THIS PROCEDURAL MATTER WILL BE FORTHCOMING  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE ..." ITALIAN REP ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST  
IN HEARING THE VIEWS AND CLARIFICATIONS OF USSR DEL ON  
"ADDITIONAL CONTROL PROCEDURES" MENTIONED IN USSR PLENARY  
STATEMENT OF MARCH 28. ITALIAN REP FOLLOWED BASIC WESTERN  
GROUP OUTLINE IN, GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE, COMMENTS ON UK DRAFT  
CONVENTION.

4. BULGARIAN REP (NIKOLOV) AND MONGOLIAN REP (ERDEMBILEG)  
BOTH MADE VERY STANDARD, USSR CUED STATEMENTS ON MASS  
DESTRUCTION WASPONS (MDW). BULGARIAN REP, REITERATING  
SOVIET ASSURANCES THAT INTEGRITY OF EXISTING TREATIES WOULD  
NOT BE DIMINISHED, SAID "AN EVENTUAL AGREEMENT ON THE  
PROHIBITION OF STOCKPILING AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW WEAPONS  
OF MASS DESTRUCTION ... NATURALLY, WILL NOT COVER WEAPONS  
WHICH ARE PROHIBITED ALREADY." HE ALSO RE-EMPHASIZED THE  
BULGARIAN VIEW, EXPRESSED BY THEIR EXPERT, THAT RADIOLOGICAL  
WEAPONS (RW) MUST BE INCLUDED IN ANY MDW PROHIBITION AGREEMENT AND  
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CALLED ON CCD TO "INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH PROGRESS  
TOWARD AN AGREEMENT" ON THE PROBLEM OF MDW. MONGOLIAN REP  
MADE DRAMATIC, THOUGH UNENLIGHTENING, STATEMENT LAUDING  
SOVIET MDW INITIATIVE AND CALLING FOR CREATION OF  
A WORKING GROUP TO NEGOTIATE TEXT OF AGREEMENT ON MDW.  
REMINING COMMITTEE OF HORRORS VISITED UPON WORLD AT END OF  
WORLD WAR II, HE SAID, "... THE ATOMIC TRAGEDY IS STILL FRESH  
... AND THE FURTHER CREATION OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION  
CARRIES A THREAT TO SECURITY AND PEACE." MENTIONING PROCEDURAL  
ISSUES, MONGOLIAN REP STATED THAT HE FOUND CO-CHAIRMEN'S  
VIEWS ON PROCEDURES "ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE" AND SAW NO BASIS  
FOR ESTABLISHING STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE OR ABOLISHING  
CO-CHAIRMANSHIP.

5. UK REP (ASHE) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT RESPONDING TO SOME  
OF THE COMMENTS MADE ON THEIR DRAFT CW TEXT. HE STATED THAT  
IT WAS HIS DEL'S VIEW THAT BINARIES WERE COVERED BY  
ARTICLE IB AND THAT THEY EXPECTED THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL  
TO DEAL WITH BINARY ISSUE IN GREATER DETAIL. UK REP SAID HE

"LOOKED FORWARD WITH INTEREST" TO SOVIET ELABORATION OF APPARENT CHANGE IN SOVIET POLICY ON CW VERIFICATION FROM POSITION PUT FORTH DURING 1976 CCD. HE EXPLAINED UK SUPPORT OF ON-SITE VERIFICATION OF DESTRUCTION OF STOCKS AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE EXTENSIVE TIME ELEMENT WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED FOR SAFE DESTRUCTION OF STOCKPILES SAYING IT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THEIR "PHASED APPROACH" TO CW BAN. UK REP RE-EMPHASIZED HMG STRONG BELIEF IN THE PHASED APPROACH WITH CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES "IN THE EARLY STAGES," BUT ALSO EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER "ALTERNATIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK" WHICH WOULD OFFER SAME RESULTS AND ASSURANCES AS ORIGINAL UK PROPOSAL.

6. NEXT PLENARY WILL BE HELD MORNING, APRIL 5.SORENSEN

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